

HONORING THE REVEREND DR.
ALBERT F. CAMPBELL

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, a distinguished preacher and spiritual leader in Philadelphia, the Reverend Doctor Albert F. Campbell, the pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, is observing a milestone that provides his congregants, his many followers and admirers along with friends and family, an opportunity to celebrate his long and productive ministry.

Pastor Campbell has been a rock in West Philadelphia, as a man of God, a man of the people, a leader of the community and a role model for all of those in his sphere.

He has presided over Mount Carmel Baptist—"a revolutionary church engaged in revolutionary services"—for 42 years, succeeding the Reverend Doctor Dennie W. Hoggard. A passionate and inspiring young preacher from Beulah Baptist Church of New York City, Reverend Campbell arrived in Philadelphia with his wife, Ruth Price Campbell, and their sons, Albert Jr. and Milton K., to step into the pulpit at Mount Carmel on May 22, 1966. Each year, a Sunday in late May is celebrated as the anniversary of his installation, and this year is no exception—with Pastor Appreciation Day May 25, 2008.

The measure of Reverend Campbell's greatness is evident upon a visit to the church, at 5732 Race Street, to the surrounding community and even to its Web site, which lists no fewer than 61 separate ministries. While the church dates back 126 years, it has grown immensely in the four decades plus of Reverend Campbell's pastorate.

The Reverend Campbell had directed and managed Mount Carmel in an inspirational manner while preaching the word of God to a "People in Pilgrimage," bound for the destination of which God said, "I will give it to you".

With a keen eye for management as well as a heart filled with the word of the Lord, Reverend Campbell has guided the Church to prominence in the faith and civic life of the City of Brotherly Love. His vision for Mount Carmel has encompassed all facets of the Church and its work. He has expanded Mount Carmel's ministries, its outstanding youth and educational programs, and its civic and community development outreach across West Philadelphia, impacting its neighbors, reaching out to those in need and to those searching for spiritual fulfillment. Musical programs have been a specialty, and in an especially proud moment, the Mount Carmel orchestra was once invited to perform at the White House.

And so upon this joyous occasion of the 42nd anniversary of his installation, I invite my colleagues to join me in extending congratulations, best wishes and continued success in the Lord's work to the Reverend Doctor Albert F. Campbell, my pastor and a pastor who has served tirelessly for the betterment of all Philadelphians.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAN J.
SMITH

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Madam Speaker, I rise in this chamber to mark the passing of a great American, Dan J. Smith. A resident of Los Angeles, Dan passed away on May 6, 2008, at the age of 57, leaving a legacy of service to this country. During the first term of President Ronald Reagan, Dan served as a Senior Advisor in the White House Office of Policy Development, where he worked on issues ranging from international trade to NATO defense. The principal achievement he should be remembered for is Executive Order 12320, which established the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Dan was the principal architect of the Reagan Administration's program to coordinate the activities of Federal agencies in supporting HBCUs.

A 1972 graduate of the University of Southern California, Dan was instrumental while still an undergraduate in founding the Norman Topping scholarship fund, a voluntary, student-financed program of financial support that still stands as a model for private community service. After receiving a masters degree from Occidental College in 1973, Dan spent his early career in banking and non-profit management. Still in his twenties, he was appointed by the Governor of California in 1976 to the State Economic Development Commission.

After leaving the White House staff, Dan founded his own higher education consulting firm, the Corporation for American Education, which he headed for 26 years. In the mid-1980s, he was instrumental in assisting Fisk University, one of this country's most-cherished HBCUs, in recovering from near insolvency. In 1997, at the request of California's Governor, he helped revise California's statutes overseeing private postsecondary and vocational education.

Dan was a writer, a deep thinker, a servant-leader, a devoted husband and father, and a friend. He was called early by his Maker, but his legacy lives on. America owes a debt to Dan J. Smith and countless other unsung heroes whose life's work represent the fabric of our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL CLUB

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1026, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Congressional Club. I congratulate and thank the Club for its century of service to Members and their families.

When a Member is first elected, one of the first events his or her spouse will be invited to is a welcome at the Congressional Club,

bringing together both Republican and Democratic spouses in friendship as they adjust to their new lives in public service.

Throughout the year, there are social opportunities to get to know women and men from around the country and even around the world as the Club sometimes hosts events with the international community, such as the recent Diplomatic Parade of Nations. The Club also draws on its members' talents and energies for designated non-political, non-partisan service projects.

In a city that can sometimes be known for its political tensions, the Congressional Club offers a longstanding oasis of good will and friendship for Congressional couples and families which share a great deal in common. It is a tradition that has helped build a community for 100 years and I hope will continue to do so for centuries to come.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today both in recognition of May as National Foster Care Month and to acknowledge our shared obligation to do everything that we can to help the more than half a million children currently in our Nation's foster care system. I applaud the thousands of devoted adoptive parents in Ohio and across the country who provide children and youth in foster care with permanent, loving families.

Twenty-one-year-old Ashley Flucsa entered Ohio's foster care system at age 10. She spent the next 8½ years in foster care, longing for a family to call her own. "I wanted to have the same sense of security that children in non-foster families have," she recalls. "I wanted to have a place to go during college break and I wanted to be able to fully trust that I would always have a place to call home. I wanted a mom to shop with and a dad to someday walk me down the aisle. I wanted stability."

Today, Ashley is a nursing student at Lakeland Community College. Her foster parents, Yvette and Jim Goldurs of Cleveland Heights, are in the process of adopting Ashley. She hopes to someday become a nurse practitioner or a doctor, and she is very involved with the Ohio Youth Advisory Board, which allows her to share her experiences and advocate for reform on behalf of Ohio's children and youth who are still in foster care. Most importantly, she has found the permanent family that she longed for.

Currently, Ohio has more than 17,000 children living in foster care. In 2005, a quarter of these foster children were waiting to join adoptive families. They had to wait an average of nearly 4 years to do so. More worrisome still, many of Ohio's foster youth will never find the permanent family they need. More than 1,200 youth "aged out" of Ohio's foster care system in 2005 completely on their own, with no family to rely upon.

The Federal Adoption Incentive Program, which was first enacted in 1997 as part of the Adoption and Safe Families Act, encourages States to find foster children like Ashley permanent homes through adoption. The Adoption Incentive Program is due to expire this